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President's Report.

Georgia Academy for the Blind,
MACON, GA., Oct. 30, 1878.

To His Excellency A. H. Colquitt, Governor of Georgia:

SIR—In pursuance of the law relating to the Academy for the Blind, and in behalf of the Trustees of the same, I submit the following report for the nine months ending the 30th September, 1878, the Constitutional Convention having fixed that date as the time for making the reports, in place of the last of December of each year.

Having so often presented the reasons for the education of the blind, and the special methods in which this benevolent object is carried out, it is not considered necessary at this time to do more than to direct attention to the Reports of the Treasurer and the Principal—the first exhibiting the amount of receipts and disbursements and the amount on hand; the latter gives a classified statement of all the expenditures for maintenance, including officers' salaries, support of pupils, officers and employees, fuel, lights, etc.

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's Report:

RECEIPTS—Balance from last year	\$2,158 37
From State Appropriation	6,750 00
From other sources	104 50
Total receipts	\$9,012 87
DISBURSEMENTS—Orders of the Board	7,700 00
Balance on hand	\$1,312 87

Summary of Principal's Report:

RECEIPTS—Balance from 1877	\$ 119 31
Orders of the Board	7,700 00—\$7,819 31
DISBURSEMENTS—Salaries	\$2,523 83
Provisions	2,264 65
Other expenditures	2,756 75—\$7,545 23
Balance now in Principal's hands	\$274 08

Principal's Report to the Trustees.

Georgia Academy for the Blind,
MACON, OCTOBER 1ST, 1878.

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith the Principal's Report for the twenty-seventh year of the "Georgia Academy for the Blind." Because of the change made by the Constitutional Convention in the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, it has become necessary to change the time of the beginning and ending of our Institutional year. The report of last year ended with the Calendar year: consequently, this Report, beginning with the year 1878 and ending September 30th, embraces a period of but nine months.

The eleventh Section of the third Article of the By-Laws of the Academy for the Blind says, "The Principal shall make an Annual Report to the Trustees, embracing an account of the history, condition and progress of the Academy, in all its departments, with such suggestions for the advancement of the purposes of the Institution as he may deem useful." In compliance therewith, I state that the Academy for the Blind is like schools and colleges for other classes of youth in this respect; it is subject to the usual changes and variations in attendance, and the consequences resulting therefrom. Numbers will not be uniform, and the standing of pupils in the respective departments will vary in excellence with the years, while the work of the Instructors may be the same.

The progress of the pupils has been generally satisfactory; the zeal and labors of the teachers entitle them to my continued commendation.

The household, under Divine Providence, has not been visited with severe sickness, except in one case, that of William J. Greene, a young man from Macon county, who contracted consumption elsewhere, and died of it at his home last May. He was an excellent young man, and his death is deeply deplored in our family.

The appended Roll of pupils shows the attendance to have been sixty-four. Of this there were fifty present at the beginning (January 1st.) of the year. The new admissions are thirteen; one readmitted; graduated at the close of the term last June, five; left at the same time for other causes, three; and died, one.

This enumeration does not include Assistant Teachers nor any Resident Graduates.

I am informed that some of those pupils and apprentices who left the Institution last December (not included in the above enumeration), are working to maintain themselves; and, also, that seven of the eight who left last June are doing the same, and that the other is anxiously hunting such work as she is qualified and able to do.

The Workshop, which is operated in connection with the schools, under the supervision of a man with sight, has been doing very well as respects its main object, viz: The training of blind males in mechanical work; but, financially, it has not done much the present year. It ought not to be expected of any sort of industrial enterprise operated solely and simply by a foreman with a variable number of apprentices, mostly mere boys, to yield profit. In our case this is not only true, but in addition thereto the apprentices are *blind*, and they work at the trades only a limited number of hours daily, respectively, in the intervals in which they are not engaged in the schools. Our purpose is to teach the boys trades in connection with their literary and musical studies, and also blind men who, from accident or other cause, may have lost their vision when they have passed the school age. Our Industrial Department, operated on these principles for the past twelve years, has been eminently successful. At this time it has seventeen apprentices.

The work of the females is being successfully conducted. There is greater variety in the work suitable for females than in that for males. The girls are trained to do fancy work, crotchetting of several kinds, bead work, etc., but I deem it far more important for them to learn to do plain sewing, knitting, and such common female work that will enable them, when they leave the Institution, to become useful to the families in which they reside.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for Maintenance is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1877,	\$ 119 31
Orders of the Board (to Oct 1st.),	7,700 00
	-\$7,819 31

EXPENDITURES—CLASSIFIED.

1. Salaries,	\$2,523 83 ¹ ₃
2. Postage, stationery, writing materials,	23 40
3. Carriage hire and travel,	60 50
4. School expenses, books, etc.,	25 79
5. Music, expenses, instrumental repairs,	144 25
6. Work materials and shop machinery,	71 91
7. Pupils' clothes,	319 89
8. House furnishing, repairs of furniture,	148 12
9. Servant hire, including washing,	470 85
10. Fuel and lights,	530 07
11. Provisions,	2,204 65
12. Special, insurance, medicine, medical attention, printing, etc.,	505 85
13. Housekeepers' pay,	195 00
14. Repairs of property,	200 51
	-\$7,545 22 ¹ ₃
Balanced.	\$ 274 08 ² ₃

ESTIMATES.

The expenses for the past nine months, it will be seen from this Report, were \$7,545.22¹₃. Upon the basis of this amount, and including some extra expenses for work that ought to be done in the house, to-wit: Refurnishing the hall floors with new oil-cloths, putting up additional stair rails and some wainscoting to protect the walls, and some repainting, and other repairs and improvements, should the Trustees deem this work necessary, and order it to be done and included in the ordinary classification of the expenditures of the Principal, I estimate that *twelve thousand dollars* will be an ample appropriation to be asked for the wants of the Academy for the Blind for the ensuing year.

Commending the interests of this Institution to your continued fostering care, and to the consideration of the General Assembly of the State, and to the citizens of all classes, I respectfully submit the foregoing Report.

W. D. WILLIAMS, *Principal.*

ROLL OF PUPILS OF 1878.

MALES.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
ASTIN, CHARLES	<i>Campbell County, Georgia.</i>
AYRES, HIRAM	<i>Haralson County, Georgia.</i>
BASSETT, WALTER L.	<i>Houston County, Georgia.</i>
BRUCE, JOHN P.	<i>Decatur County, Georgia.</i>
BRYAN, WILLIAM W.	<i>Wayne County, Georgia.</i>
CARGILE, WILLIE S.	<i>Monroe County, Georgia.</i>
CASON, JOHN A.	<i>Richmond County, Georgia.</i>
COLEY, JESSE A.	<i>Stewart County, Georgia.</i>
COLEY, S. A. W.	<i>Stewart County, Georgia.</i>
COULTER, J. W. M.	<i>Taylor County, Georgia.</i>
DAVIS, GEORGE A.	<i>Mitchell County, Georgia.</i>
GRACE, WALTER M.	<i>Taylor County, Georgia.</i>
GREENE, WILLIAM J.	<i>Macon County, Georgia.</i>
GRIFFIN, WALTER	<i>Dodge County, Georgia.</i>
HEARN, N. R.	<i>Walker County, Georgia.</i>
HODNETT, HOPE	<i>Meriwether County, Georgia.</i>
IVY, THOMAS	<i>Walker County, Georgia.</i>
JACKSON, ZOLICOFFER	<i>Crawford County, Georgia.</i>
JONES, ASA A.	<i>Mitchell County, Georgia.</i>
JONES, GEORGE H.	<i>Richmond County, Georgia.</i>
JONES, JOSEPH	<i>Hall County, Georgia.</i>
KITCHENS, THOS. J.	<i>Washington County, Georgia.</i>
KNOX, LAMAR	<i>Chattooga County, Georgia.</i>
MATHIS, LUCIUS	<i>Randolph County, Georgia.</i>
MCNEIL, Thos. J.	<i>Spaulding County, Georgia.</i>
PEACOCK, LEWIS O.	<i>Wilkinson County, Georgia.</i>
PEACOCK, WILLIAM L.	<i>Wilkinson County, Georgia.</i>
RAGAN, CHARLES C.	<i>Terrell County, Georgia.</i>
RAGAN, TERRELL	<i>Terrell County, Georgia.</i>
REED, JAMES OSCAR	<i>Bartow County, Georgia.</i>
REYNOLDS, M. L.	<i>Terrell County, Georgia.</i>
RUSSELL, JOSHUA	<i>Jefferson County, Georgia.</i>

SINGLETON, JAMES Harris County, Georgia.
 TAYLOR, JAMES Laurens County, Georgia.
 THOMAS, S. W. Franklin County, Georgia.
 WINKLES, ANDREW Coweta County, Georgia.
 WOFFORD, JACOB Cobb County, Georgia.

COLORED.*

HOLLINSWORTH, JOHN Bibb County, Georgia.
 WILLIAMS, ELIJAH Bibb County, Georgia.

FEMALES.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
BARFIELD, ASENATH	Macon County, Georgia.
BISHOP, SALLIE	Fulton County, Georgia.
BUTLER, LOLAH	Gordon County, Georgia.
COUCH, MATTIE	Clarke County, Georgia.
DANIELS, BETTY	Jones County, Georgia.
DYSON, HATTIE	Wilkes County, Georgia.
ESTES, SERENA E.	Cobb County, Georgia.
GREEN, EUGENIA R.	Macon County, Georgia.
HORTON, ADDIE	Walker County, Georgia.
JONES, MELISSA E.	Mitchell County, Georgia.
JORDAN, W.	Carroll County, Georgia.
KING, ALICE	Fulton County, Georgia.
MATHIS, JEANNIE	Sampson County, Georgia.
McCABE, CHARLOTTE J.	Glynn County, Georgia.
McGUIRE, KELLY	Fulton County, Georgia.
McINVALE, FANNIE	Crawford County, Georgia.
PERRY, M. A.	Macon County, Georgia.
REED, CARRIE	Bartow County, Georgia.
REED, ESTELLE	Bartow County, Georgia.
REED, SUSAN E.	Bartow County, Georgia.
RUSSELL, LANA	Jefferson County, Georgia.
RUSSELL, MOSELLE	Jefferson County, Georgia.
TIMMONS, MATTIE ELLA	Carroll County, Georgia.
TISON, LIZZIE	Washington County, Georgia.
WILSON, VIRGINIA	Gordon County, Georgia.

* Taught in shop and boarded at their homes.

CARD OF THANKS.

The thanks of the officers and pupils of the "Georgia Academy for the Blind" are due and are hereby tendered to the officers of the following Railroads of the State for free passes, on necessary occasions, over their respective lines, a most important privilege and aid toward the benevolent work of the Institution, viz: Macon and Western, South-Western, Central, Atlanta and West Point, Macon and Brunswick, Western and Atlantic, Air-Line.

Also their thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the proprietors and editors of the following Newspapers, for sending their issues gratuitously to the Institution, thereby contributing means of information as to current news and other important matters; and also to all other papers that have given such notice of the Institution and its work as was calculated to bring its object and advantages before the blind youth of the State: The Southern Christian Advocate, of Macon; The Christian Index, of Atlanta; The Tri-Weekly Courier and Tri-Weekly Tribune, of Rome; The Reporter, of LaGrange; The Republican, of Americus; The Southerner, of Irwinton; The Home Journal, of Perry; The Standard, of Talbotton; The Vindicator, of Greenville; The Goodson Gazette, of Staunton, Va.; The Tablet, Romney, W. Va.; The Deaf-Mute Mirror, Flint, Mich.; Mutes' Companion, Fairbault, Minn.; and at reduced rates, these two dailies: Telegraph and Messenger, Macon; Constitution, Atlanta.

